

WASHINGTON, DC-As the third anniversary of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina nears, **Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)**

will head to the Gulf Coast Region on Monday, July 21, for two days of tours and meetings with regional elected officials and other stakeholders in the rebuilding effort. The purpose of the Congressional Delegation (CODEL) is to brief Congressional leaders, including Rep. Hoyer, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Democratic Whip James Clyburn, on recovery progress and how Louisiana and Mississippi are leveraging the federal resources Congress has provided to rebuild the region.

“This Congress has been very focused on the Gulf Region, and we remain committed to working with our state and local partners to see the rebuilding effort through to the finish,” stated Rep. Hoyer. “While the recovery is ongoing, I am eager to see firsthand the progress we are making and to meet with officials on our strategy moving forward.”

During the CODEL, Hoyer and Congressional Members will tour public infrastructure facilities, schools, and neighborhoods on the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts and receive briefings from levee experts on hurricane protection and coastal restoration issues. The itinerary also includes several meetings with state and local officials on forward planning, particularly in the areas of housing, healthcare, education, criminal justice and infrastructure.

The 110th Congress has provided substantial resources to help with the recovery, including \$5.8 billion for levee construction and \$73 million for public housing in the recently enacted emergency supplemental funding bill.

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